

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims:

Please substitute the claims as indicated below for the claims of the same number.

Claims 1, 47, and 76 have been amended (as shown later in this Amendment). A clean copy of amended claims 1, 47, and 76 is below.

Sub 01
A1
1. (Amended) An apparatus for treating tissue near a valve to modify flow through the valve, comprising:

a cinching member having a central region and at least two anchoring regions on opposing ends of the central region, wherein each anchoring region is configured to be anchored to opposing areas of tissue and urge the areas of tissue towards one another; the cinching member being further configured for delivery through a catheter to the tissue whereby the cinching member has a first shape during the delivery and a second shape after the delivery.

Sub 01
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47. (Amended) A method for treating tissue near a valve to modify flow through the valve, comprising:

providing a cinching member having a central region, a first anchoring region, and a second anchoring region, each of the anchoring regions being attached to opposing ends of the central region; placing a delivery catheter near the tissue; urging the cinching member through a distal opening defined in the catheter such that the first anchoring region exits the distal opening and attaches to a first area of the tissue; and further urging the cinching member through the distal opening such that second anchoring region exits the distal opening and attaches to a second area of the tissue such that the first area and the second area are urged towards one another by the cinching member.

Sub 01
A3
76. (Amended) A system for treating tissue near a valve to modify flow through the valve, comprising:

a first catheter having a distal end region, the catheter being configured for transluminal delivery of the end region to the target site;

an end effector in communication with the distal end region, the end effector being configured to transfer energy to the tissue at the target site to induce thermal shrinkage of collagen in the tissue, thereby modifying flow through the valve; and

AB a cinching member having a central region and at least two anchoring regions on opposing sides of the central region, wherein each anchoring region is configured to be anchored to opposing areas of tissue and urge the areas of tissue towards one another, the cinching member being further configured for delivery through the first catheter or a second catheter to the tissue whereby the cinching member has a first shape during the delivery and a second shape after the delivery.